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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the patent application of

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For: ENCODING CIRCUIT AND METHOD

Enclosed are:

- Application Data Sheet.
- Fifteen (15) sheets of formal drawings, Figures 1-15.
- An Assignment of the invention to MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD..
- Certified copy of Japanese application No. 2001-057749, filed March 2, 2001.
- A Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- This application is not entitled to small entity status.
- A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- An Information Disclosure Statement.
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